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SUBJECT: AFTERMATH OF FAHMY MOSCOW VISIT: PRESS COVERAGE

SUMMARY: PRESS FOCUSES ON ALLEGED ECONOMIC RESULTS OF FAHMY'S MOSCOW VISIT. REPORTEDLY USSR AGREED IN PRINCIPLE TO SUPPLY NUCLEAR REACTOR AND NEW TRADE PROTOCOL IS BEING NEGOTIATED. BREZHNEV'S AGREEMENT TO CAIRO SUMMIT IS PLAYED AS MAJOR POLITICAL VICTORY FOR GOE. END SUMMARY.

1. FONMIN FAHMY VISIT TO USSR REMAINS BANNER HEADLINE NEWS IN CAIRO PRESS OCT 19. LEAD STORIES PROCLAIM FAHMY HAS RETURNED WITH FULL, DETAILED REPORT FOR SADAT. EGYPTIAN REPORTERS QUOTE GROMYKO AS SAYING TO THEM AT MOSCOW AIRPORT FAREWELL CEREMONY THAT USSR ATTACHES GREAT IMPORTANCE TO BREZHNEV-SADAT SUMMIT NEXT JANUARY IN CAIRO AND THAT MEETING WILL HELP DEVELOP BILATERAL RELATIONS. PAPERS ALSO REPORT BREZHNEV TOLD PRESIDENT ASAD IN MOSCOW LAST MONTH HE WOULD VISIT DAMASCUS IN JANUARY.

2. ALL PAPERS PROMINENTLY FEATURE JOINT COMMUNIQUE (CAIRO UNCLASSIFIED

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8265) STRESSING IMPORTANCE OF CALUSE STATING PALESTINIANS

SHOULD BE EQUAL PARTICIPANTS AT GENEVA. AHAM GIVES FULL TEXT OF COMMUNIQUE.

3. THERE IS ALSO CONSIDERABLE SPACE GIVEN TO ECONOMIC "GAINS" OF FAHMY VISIT. AKHBAR SAYS TWO SIDES HAD "STRAIGHTFORWARD DIALOGUE ON REDUCTION AND RESCHEDULING OF DEBTS". GUMHURIYYA HAS FRONT PAGE ITEM STATING USSR HAS AGREED IN PRINCIPLE TO SUPPLY EGYPT WITH A NUCLEAR REACTOR FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES. ITEM CONTINUES: "AGREEMENT IS NOT YET REACHED ON DATE ON WHICH USSR WILL SUPPLY EGYPT WITH ITS NUCLEAR ENERGY REQUIREMENTS, "OWING TO USSR'S PRIOR COMMITMENTS TO BULGARIA, GDR, AND FINLAND. GOE/USSR NEGOTIATIONS WILL REPORTEDLY "CONTINUE ON THIS MATTER".

4. PRESS REPORTS ALSO "NUMBER OF POSITIVE STEPS REFLECTING IMPROVING GOE/USSR RELATIONS" WHICH HAVE BEEN TAKEN. MIN SUPPLY MATHOULY, WHO REPORTEDLY EXTENDED STAY IN MOSCOW ONE DAY AFTER FAHMY'S DEPARTURE, IS EXPECTED TO REACH AGREEMENT ON A BILATERAL TRADE PROTOCOL TO BE RATIFIED BEFORE END OF 1974. MINPLANNING ABDALLAH IS QUOTED AS SAYING SOVIETS NOW COMPLETELY UNDERSTAND EGYPTIAN ECONOMIC PROBLEMS AND ARE "EAGER" TO EXTEND LOANS SO THAT FACTORIES CAN OPERATE AT FULL CAPACITY. HE REPORTEDLY ADDED THAT SOVIET EXPERTS WILL STUDY POSSIBILITY OF EXTENDING TECHNICAL AID TO EXPLOIT WADI AL-JADID PHOSPHATE DEPOSITS. GOE DEPMIN AVIATION IS REPORTED TO HAVE HAD TALKS WITH HIS SOVIET COUNTERPART, BUT TUPOLEV PROBLEM IS NOT MENTIONED IN CAIRO PAPERS.

5. POLITICAL ASPECTS OF VISIT ARE SUBJECT OF LONG ARTICLE BY AHAM DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT, HAMDI FUAD, WHO ACCOMPANIED FAHMY. HAMDI SAYS BREZHNEV'S AGREEMENT TO SUMMIT IN CAIRO IS OUTSTANDING RESULT OF TRIP. FOUR FACTORS MAKE BREZHNEV VISIT IMPORTANT:

A. VISIT WILL RESULT IN ANNOUNCEMENT OF IMPORTANT POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND MILITARY "NEWS" MARKING BEGINNING OF BROADER BILATERAL COOPERATION;

B. VISIT WILL BE BREZHNEV'S FIRST TO ME IN TEN YEARS;

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C. VISIT FOLLOWS UN AGREEMENT INVITE PALESTINIANS TO UNGA;

D. VISIT WILL OCCUR DURING TIME OF POLITICAL AND MILITARY "PREPARATION" TO DEAL WITH ME PROBLEM; BOTH SIDES HAVE DECLARED PEACE MUST BE BASED ON FULL ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL AND RESTORATION PALESTINIAN RIGHTS.

6. HAMDI QUOTES FAHMY AS SAYING IT WAS NECESSARY FOR HIM TO

GO TO MOSCOW FOLLOWING CONTACTS WITH USG AND INITIAL UNGA DEBATE, AND BEFORE UNGA ME DEBATE BEGINS. ASKED IF SOVIETS HAD APPROVED "ALL STEPS" GOE HAS TAKEN TOWARD A ME SOLUTION, FAHMY REPORTEDLY SAID THERE WERE NO DISCUSSIONS IN THAT VEIN; BUT "THAT DOES NOT MEAN THEY DID NOT DISCUSS WITH US ALL THE DETAILS". (WHATEVER THAT MEANS). FM REPORTEDLY ALSO SAID GENEVA CONFERENCE WILL MEET "SHORTLY AT THE PROPER TIME." ASKED WHY SEPARATE BILATERAL STATEMENT WAS ISSUED ON PALESTINIANS, FAHMY SAID STATEMENT WAS CONFIRMATION OF FACT PLO HAS RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE AT GENEVA ON "EQUAL FOOTING WITH OTHER COUNTRIES."

7. ACCORDING TO HAMD, BOTH FAHMY AND DEFENSE C/S LTG GAMASI DECLINED TO COMMENT ON MILITARY RESULTS OF VISIT.

8. CONCERNING BREZHNEV CAIRO VISIT, AKHBAR MAKES INTERESTING POINT. BREZHNEV WILL ARRIVE IN CAIRO, PAPER SAYS, BEFORE SADAT'S TRIP TO US.  
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